

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/760,363
Response filed April 6, 2007
Reply to OA dated March 7, 2007

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Notice dated March 7, 2007, please enter the amended claims filed herewith, and please favorably consider the remarks set forth below in support thereof. It is believed that this Response is fully responsive to the Examiner's Notice or Communication dated March 7, 2007.

In the Examiner's March 7, 2007 Notice, the Examiner has taken the position that claims 7 - 9 and 12 - 14, as submitted in the applicant's December 18, 2006 Response, are drawn to a feature guidance information acquiring section that "belongs to the *sixth aspect* of the present invention and/or the *ninth aspect* of the present invention." However, it appears that there may be a misunderstanding in the interpretation of, for example, independent claim 7 (and claims 8, 9 and 12 - 14 which depend on claim 7).

In the applicant's Response filed March 27, 2007, the applicant elected the fifth aspect of the applicant's invention. As summarily explained in, e.g., lines 10 - 19, page 4 of the applicant's specification, the navigation device, according to the fifth aspect of the invention, includes:

a feature guidance information acquiring section that acquires a feature guidance information based on the data structure of a feature guidance information *according to the first aspect of the present invention or* a feature guidance information readable from the recording medium

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according to any one of the second to fourth aspects of the present invention.

Emphasis added.

In the Examiner's objection in his Communication dated November 16, 2006, it is the applicant's highlighting of the claimed storage that the Examiner objected to for being directed to the seventh and/or eight aspect of the applicant's invention, the seventh and eight aspects of the invention being directed to the server unit provided with a storage, as summarily described in line 13, page 5 through line 16, page 6 of the applicant's specification.

However, in the Examiner's outstanding objection, as set forth in his Communication dated March 7, 2007, there may be a misunderstanding in the interpretation of the claims, as filed on December 18, 2007.

More particularly, the applicant submit that claim 7, as filed on December 18, 2007, is directed to the second to fourth aspects of the applicant's invention, which is consistent with what is described with respect to the fifth aspect, as mentioned above.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended independent claim 7 consistent with the applicant's above-discussed position.

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In view of the above, the applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated March 7, 2007 be withdrawn, and that the claims filed herewith be entered and favorably considered.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

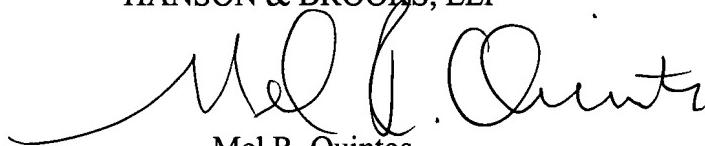
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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